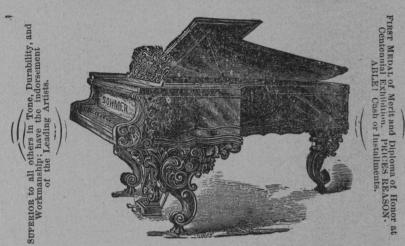
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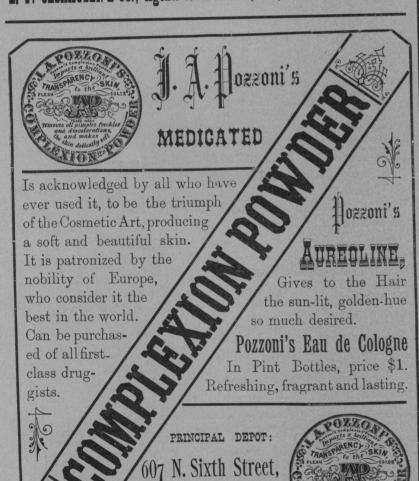
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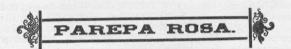
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driven to extremities by dearth of strong and effective scenes to put to song, some genius or some fool may ultimately endeavor to surpass Rossini's masterpiece.

Sometimes a good libretto, having been treated poorly, or in a mediocre way, by the very fact becomes the prey of other writers; a few details are altered, the principal scenes remain the same, the action, if in Spain, is changed to Russia, or any other country, and the trick is performed. Such was the case with Scribe's "Le Philtre," set to music by Auber in 1831, and although containing several delicious morceaux, it never became popular like his "Fra Diavolo," "Masaniello" and "Le Domino Noir." It was destined, however, to be totally and triumphantly eclipsed by Donizetti's "Elisir d'Amore," a masterpiece of Italian opera buffa, the grace and freshness of which have not been dimmed by a half century. The composer happened to be under contract with the director of the Canobbiana theatre in Milan to produce an opera for the spring season. His librettist, who was seriously ill at the time, asked for a delay, and ultimately was obliged to relinquish all idea of furnishing the argument. Fifteen days remained only, prior to the opening of the season, and Donizetti rushed to Felice Romani, who had already composed the libretto of his "Anna Bolena," and implored him to come to his aid. Romani remembered Scribe's "Philtre," re-arranged it in a few days, and Donizetti, then in his most fecund prime, literally improvised this ravishing score. In the same way Verdi's librettist took the plot and situations to "Ill Ballo in Maschera," from Scribe's "Gustave III," music by Auber, and transposed the action to Boston, instead of Stockholm. Verdi, singularly enough, succeeded principally in this opera in the latter's work the first four acts are the weakest, but the fifth, with its dazzling and world-renowned ballroom scene, was one of his finest efforts. Verdi, on the contrary was not felicitously inspired in the acts where Auber most signally failed. In the latter's work the first four acts are the weakest, but the fifth, with its dazzling and world-renowned ball-room scene, was one of his finest efforts. Verdi, on the contrary, was not felicitously inspired in the fourth act, being essentially a dramatic composer, lacking the lighter element, but placed "II Ballo" among his best productions by the first two acts, and the superb third. Rossini was much more audacious when he put "II Barbiere" to music, which had been considered for many years one of the best productions of Paisiello, but it was fortunate that he was compelled to accept the libretto by his director, otherwise the world would have lost a master-piece. As it was, he did all that was necessary to pacify Paisiello; explained the case fully to him, and received his consent to treat the subject. The old master confidently expected a failure, and is reported to have organized a cabal against his young rival, for the first night the opera was hissed most outrageously. Before Paisiello, the subject of Beaumarchais had been treated by Benda, Schultz and Isouard. "Ernani," taken from Victor Hugo's drama, was composed in 1834 by Gabussi, and contains many remarkable passages, and several of the cavatinas are favorites to the present day in Italy, but this did not prevent Verdi from appropriating the lebretto to his own use, and the great success of

his early years caused Gabussi's work to fall into oblivion; but this libretto's history did not end here; an inferior musician, named Mazzucato, was not satisfied with Verdi's treatment of the subject, and the same year (1844) produced a work of his own under the same title. It was a complete flasco. "Romeo and Juliet" has always been an alluring theme for composers, and has produced noble pages. Dalayrac treated it indifferently; Guglielmi and Steibelt likewise. Vaccaj, about 1825 or '26, wrote an excellent fourth act, which occasionally is substituted for Bellini's fourth. The latter's work is full of his mournful, suave, and at times morbid melodies, but lacks the intenser passions.

Zingarelli handled the subject ably, and Gounod has written some of his most sensuous and forcible music for it, while the giant Berlioz, in his immortal symphony of the same name has nearly approached perfection.

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music for it, while the giant Berlioz, in his immortal symphony of the same name has nearly approached perfection.

To mention the most famous subjects only, "Faust" has inspired nine or ten composers, but their renderings have been forgotten, with the exception of Spohr's, Gounod's, and the "Damnation of Faust" by Berlioz Meyerbeer contemplated composing a "Faust," and Scribe undertook to prepare the libretto, and, in fact, we believe he finished a portion of it, but the great genius who gave us the "Huguenots," doubted his own supreme powers, and feared that he would not be capable of doing justice to Goethe. So Scribe's scenario was transformed, and "Robert the Devil" was treated instead, Robert taking the place of Faust, Alice that of Marguerite, and Bertram that of Mephistopheles, the pivotal idea of the poet being retained; but what a loss to art that Meyerbeer never attempted a "Faust" later, for what a wondrous difference exists between the terrible fiend Bertram, whose hellish character, musically, is so powerfully drawn, and the stagey, glitter-and-tinsel devil in Gounod's "Faust," the only character in the opera he has failed to portray grandly.

Bernardin de St. Pierre's popular and charming story of Paul and Virginia, has taken the fancy of many musicians, notably, Kreutzer, Lesueur, Guglielmi, Aspa, and lately Victor Massé whose work is fit to rank with his "Galathée," and the "Noces de Jeannette." Even Wagner has not been allowed to remain in serene possession of his librettos. Marigold wrote a "Tannhäuser" the year after his, and Peri wrote a "Rienzi." Conceit and incompetency molest genius in this way to their own detriment. Panizza imagined he could improve on one of Donizetti's earlier operas "Gianni di Calais" which should be better known, and failed, while Rossi dared to touch Benvenuto Celini after Berlioz. Niedermayer and Flotow both wrote a "Stradella" and Spontini's finest work "La Vestale" was afterwards re-set by Pacini and Mercadante, the latter being a remarkable work in every way,

later school.
Carafa, who held an honorable position among Italian composers during the first part of this century, the bosom friend of Rossini and a melodist of Italian composers during the first part of this century, the bosom friend of Rossini and a melodist of estimable qualities, was strangely unfortunate in his choice of subjects, for his successors overcame him on the very field he had chosen. Some time in 1829 he wrote the "Nozze di Lammermoor," taken from Scott's novel, and the production pleased. Six years later Donizetti wrote "Lucia" and Carafa's work was doomed. Likewise in 1827 he wrote a "Masaniello" which was full of beautiful gems and might have lived, had not Auber composed upon the same subject the following year, and cast him into the shade.

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Auber would not have dared to put new music to any of Rossini's or Mozart's operas, but Carafa erroneously was thought to be too insignificant a star in the musical firmament and his light was taken from him.

Metastasio's plays at one period became public property, and every composer seemed to have a right to use his soft syllables for operatic purposes.

His "Alessandro nell' Indie" was used by thirty or forty musicians from Leo to Pacini, his "Clemenza di Tito" (only known now by Mozart's music) served twenty times, his "Demofonte" thirty or more, "Armida" forty, and so on; but less rivalry was engendered, and modern writers seem to have mutually agreed to leave those old libretti to their defunct predecessors without possible revival.

Of more important themes, "Hamlet" has been chosen by Scarlatti, Mercadante, Faccio, the greatest of present leaders in Italy, and Ambroise Thomas, whose work is well known.

"Don Juan" had been variously tortured before Mozart's day, and "Jeanne d'Arc" arranged in many styles has captivated the muses of Vaccaj, Duprez, (the famous tenor), Verdi, Gounod, and Mermet, and the list will be continued, we doubt not, ere the century dies. Verdi's "Giovanna d'Arco" is of his first style, and is, as a whole, a crude effort. Nevertheless it contains a strong dramatic scene which has saved the opera from total oblivion. Patti performed in it in Paris some fifteen years ago, and by her miraculous voice and presence gave it a new but transient fame. "Macbeth" by the same composer had been treated many times before, and will be again it is to be hoped, for that grand tragedy has not hitherto been interpreted in sound as it should be.

Licenses, and unallowable ones, are continually being taken with the libretti of great masters, and if this system is kept up, some day we may have a new "Roberto il Diavolo" by Mr Smith, a revised "Fidelio" by Mr. Brown, and countless "Fausts" by countless Robinsons. and, who knows, Lecocq may yet write a "Niebelungen," and Audran may snatch the laurels from Thomas' brow by a very seriously constructed "Hamlet."—F. S. S. in Musical Critic.

"PLUG" HATS.

YOUNG philosopher has something to say about plug (vulgo, silk) hats, in the February issue of the College Review of Shurtleff College. We make a short extract from the article, which, though ingenious, has not yet led us to throw aside our comfortable soft felt for the stiff "stove-pipe," which we never don, save in deference to the wishes of our "better half." Others' tastes may differ from ours, and they may feel pleased at having good reasons given them for their predilections:

having good reasons given them for their predilections:

"The wearer of a plug hat is compelled by the very nature of things, to move with a certain amount of sedateness and propriety. He cannot run or jump, or get in any kind of a scuffle, without disturbing the felicity of his head-gear. Besides the dignity (a quality all seniors are supposed to possess) added to his bearing, there are certain hidden influences connected with it which tend toward greater respectability. He, who wears one, is obliged to keep the rest of his body in decent trim, in order that there may be no incongruity between the appearance of his dress and his head dress.

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OR many reasons, which it is unnecessary to mention here, we do not believe in co-education in our higher institutions of learning; but since it is largely practiced in this country, and especially in the West, we

may probably be permitted to suggest to the managers of "mixed" colleges that they have at hand the means of accomplishing better results in the way of vocal music than institutions devoted exclusively to the instruction of one sex, in this: that they can organize complete and satisfactory cherus classes which, without infringing upon the time of the other studies of the curriculum, would enable their students to form correct musical tastes by becoming practically acquainted with the best of oratorios, cantatas, etc., while, at the same time, getting needed recreation, voice culture and hygienic lung exercise. Strange to say, however, this genuine advantage is one which seems to be all but universally disregarded in such schools. Indeed, as far as our observation goes (it is true our field of observation has been limited) music seems to be at a lower ebb in "mixed" institutions than in those devoted to one sex exclusively. There is no reason why this should be so; indeed there is every reason why such institutions should excell in vocal, and especially choral, music. Gentlemen of the Faculties and Boards of Trustees of "mixed" colleges, must the admission of both sexes to the same classes result in a letting down of scholarship and attainments even in the field in which you could easily reign supreme? Now, shake yourselves a little; talk less about the benefits of co-education and show us what you can do in a field where you can have no successful competition! If you succeedand you ought to-you will have accomplished some practical good for popular education and obtained an argument in favor of your theories.

PLAIN TALK ABOUT ADVERTISING.

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tion which would be remunerative for one or two becomes utterly insufficient to furnish a decent support to three or four times that number, and as subscribers are not forthcoming, cajoling or threats are resorted to for the purpose of obtaining money from the trade under the guise of pay for advertisements. Such is the situation in New York at present. Six or seven music-trade papers are hard at work extracting sustenance from the piano and organ manufacturers and dealers of the city, and the feeling which pervades the relations of the editors and proprietors of these different journals for the object advertised, and 3d, respectability.

to gnaw. The matter has its serious side it is true, but it has also a comic side, and it occurred to us to make that the subject of our February "Smith and Jones." Of course, the words there put into the mouths of the solicitors of advertising patronage are such as the persons are known to constantly use concerning each other and not at all the expression of our own opinion of the gentlemen mentioned, for some of whom we personally entertain the kindest feelings. One Blumenberg, however, took up the cudgels and proceeded to reply to the truths which "Smith and Jones" awkwardly told by filling nearly two-thirds of a column of his paper with a triumphant(?) answer to "Smith and Jones'" statements-taking the greatest care however not to tell his readers what they had said to arouse his ire. Immediately upon reading this wonderful piece of writing, we wrote to the party, offering to publish his article in full in these columns and to pay him five dollars besides, if he would publish the offending "Smith and Jones" article in his paper. Up to the date of writing, our offer has not been accepted and therefore we shall not inflict the whole of his article upon our readers. It intends to be funny, but it is simply a personal attack upon our Mr. Kunkel, (who by the way, had nothing more to do with the article than any other of our readers), and both its wit and argument consist in calling him successively Kunckel, Kiyunkel, Chunkel, Kayunkel, Kornkel, Penuckle Kunkel, Kunckel and Kieunckle, and in dubbing our REVIEW a "comic almanac" and our music "hog It would possibly afford some enjoyment to the genius who has thus shown the full resources of his brilliant wit to have us follow in his footsteps and call him Bloom-and-beg, Blooming-bug, Buman'-beg, Bumming-bug, Bloomin'-burglar, etc., but we are afraid he might, for a quarter, hire some boot-black or fish-wife to reply in the same style and we prefer forthwith to confess our inability to cope with him or his journal in the line of pure billingsgate.

Since, however, the attention of the music trade has been called to the matter by the silly personal attack of the Musical Courier, we have concluded to give the serious side of the subject at least a passing glance.

And first, let us not be understood to say that the sole or main utility of a well conducted music-trade journal would be that of an advertising medium. Reliable statistics of the manufacture and sale of musical instruments in this and other countries, descriptions of new inventions, or processes, and reports of new discoveries affecting the manufacture of musical instruments, discussions of the questions of free-trade and tariff as affecting the manufacturer, the dealer and the workman, the causes of the increase or decrease of the production of musical wares in different countries and at different periods-these and a thousand kindred subjects could be discussed with profit and interest to the trade, and the trade paper that would do so with impartiality and ability would deserve, and we believe, receive, the united support of the music trade, even though it did not insert one line of advertising. But which of the New York papers approaches this ideal? So far as impartiality s concerned, certainly not The Courier which is understood to draw its sustenance from the Steinways nor Music and Drama which is largely owned by another manufacturer of pianos; and it would take more than a romancer's imagination to affirm that either they or any of their competitors "fill the bill" in other respects. By their own choice, they have one and all taken the position of advertising media. Now, what are the requisites of a good advertising medium. Briefly stated they may be said to be, 1st, circulation, 2d, the right class of readers is much like that of so many curs with but one bone The first of these requisites is too often the only one of Mr. Blumenberg's sheet in particular.

that is considered by the advertiser and it is the very one in which advertisers can most easily be deceived by unscrupulous publishers, since the evidence of the truth or falsehood of their statements must be all extrinsic. Yet, even here, it seems almost too plain for argument that as the circulation of trade papers is almost exclusively limited to the trade, the circulation, divided among six or seven, must be limited for all and more than exiguous for the newer ones. The second requisite, that of the right class of readers, is perhaps the most important of all. What would be thought of a man who should advertise microscopes in a paper whose circulation was confined to blind asylums? But, as a matter of fact, he would be doing very much like the different manufacturers and dealers who advertise their wares in journals which are read only by other manufacturers and dealers in the self-same kind of goods. If it be said that the advertisements make the retail trade acquainted with the wholesale dealers, the reply will be that there are very few retail dealers who are not already possessed of that information; that but few of hem get the trade papers and that, of those who do receive them, three out of four never read them, as any one can easily test, (we have done it again and again) by dropping in upon some dealer who is a subscriber and asking to see such a number of such a paper. If produced at all, it will generally be produced with its wrapper unbroken, and not seldom with the remark: "I never read it-I take it because I was asked to by So-and-So—that's all!" To use a Yankee expression, "it stands to reason" that unless a paper reaches the consumer (which in the case of piano and organ manufacturers means the general musical public and the teachers, who are frequently consulted upon the purchase of an instrument) it is valueless as an advertising medium. If the demand is created among the consumers, the middlemen will be ready enough to supply it. Finally, we have said the paper should be respectable, we mean by that, that it should be known to exclude all frauds from its advertising columns, so that an insertion in its columns shall be a recommendation of the advertiser, and that it shall be understood that the editor's chair and the cashier's desk are not so situated that the latter shall control the former in the expression of its views. How far this description applies to the existing music-trade papers is a question which each advertiser must answer for himself. Were we appointed a committee to select two music-trade papers among those now in New York as most worthy of support, we should select the American Art Journal for one and Musical People or the Musical Critic (with both of which we have had more than one passage at arms) for the other, and let all the rest die an easy and natural death.

But, says some one: "You want to blow your own horn and say advertising in Kunkel's Musical REVIEW is what pays!" Not a bit of it. We have the circulation and the right class of readers, the independence and, we believe, the respectability, but we do not pretend to vouch that any of our advertisers are benefited one cent's worth by their outlay. There is no misunderstanding between our advertisers and ourselves. We do not need them, though they are welcome when they come. When they go, we part friends but we shed no tears, for we have more demands for space than we can supply. If advertising pays anywhere it ought to pay in our REVIEW, but we do not say it does; we do not pretend to know, and we make no representations of the results of advertising in our paper, for they might eventually turn out to be misrepresentations. Perhaps that the money which the trade pays us for advertising is just so much good cash thrown away, but there is no perhaps, but a dead certainty of it in the case of the trade papers in general and

MOZART.

HE shades of night were already falling upon the Viennese cemetery of St. Marx on the 6th of December, 1791, when, in the midst of a blinding storm, there drove up to its gate a solitary hearse.

"Any carriages or mourners behind?" asked 'Frau Katha,' mother of Franz Harruschka, the assistant grave digger.

A negative sign from the driver of the hearse.

"Then whom have you there?" continued she.

"A bandmaster," replied the driver.

"A musician!" exclaimed Frau Katha with ill-concealed disgust, for she was a sort of official beggar attached to the cemetery—"A musician! they 're a poor set of fellows; no more money for me to-day. Better luck in the morning, I hope."

"I'm thirsty as the devil too," said the driver laughing "but not a Kreutzer of Trink-Geld did I get."

Then the coffin was roughly upleaded and place.

Then the coffin was roughly unloaded and placed on the top of two others that had preceded it, in a pauper's grave—a grave which has never been identified, although in 1859 the city of Vienna erected a handsome monument on the probable or possible spot where had been laid the mortal remains of one of the greatest geniuses that ever lived, the poor "bandmaster" Mozart.

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The life that ended in this state of abject poverty before it had seen thirty-six summers, had been full of early promise of wealth and social distinction. Born at Salzburg on the 27th of January, 1756, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart inherited from his father Leopold, an able musician, taste and aptitude for music. What in the father was talent was in the son genius. He was barely three years old when it was discovered that he was picking up the music lessons given to his elder sister Marianne and he was not yet five when his father, accompanied by a friend, unexpectedly entering the room where the boy was, found him writing in a cramped, childish hand a music score. The child said it was a piano concerto, and the father, examining it, wept tears of joy at what the scrawl revealed. The composition was however so difficult that no one could play it; but when his father said this to him he answered: "That is just why it is called a concerto; people must practice it until they can play it?" His sister Marianne, though less wonderful than he, was also a child of remarkable musical ability, and their father, in January, 1762, determined to travel with his children, to exhibit their remarkable talents. Their first stop was at Munich, where they vereated quite a furore. From there they went on to Vienna, where they played before the court and where the young child astonished all by his wonderful talent. The king and queen made a pet of him and Wolfgang said he would like to marry the young princess, Marie Antoinette, afterwards Queen of France, "because she was so good to him." Scarlet fever, which Wolfgang took at this time, put an end to this trip, and soon after he recovered the father with his children returned to Salzburg, Mayence, Frankfort, Coblenz, Aixi-la-Chapelle, Brussels and Paris. They spent five months in Paris, playing twice before the court and created unbounded enture a seco

When his father heard of it, he wrote: "Be off to Paris, and that without delay! Take up your position among those who are truly great,—'aut Casar aut nihil! From Paris the name and fame of a man of talents spread all over the world." He left Mannheim for Paris, but fortune did not smile upon him; his mother died and he returned to Germany. Before this he had composed, at the age of fourteen, an opera buffa "La Finta Simplice" and a German Singspiel "Bastien und Bastienne" and while in Italy, for Milan, "Mitridate Rè de Ponto" which was very successful. He had also composed for Salzburg "Lucio Silla," "Il Rè Pastore" and "La Bella Finta Giardiniera," and for Munich, "Idomeneo"; also a large number of pieces of church music, songs, etc.; but it was not until, driven from the house of the Archbishop of Salzburg like a dog, he had gone to Vienna, which was thenceforth his home, that he composed, "Le Nozze di Figaro," and other great dramatic works which made him great, for all time and mark an epoch in the art of music. Before this, however, Mozart had married Constance Weber, a younger sister of his first love Aloysia, who had not long mourned Mozart's absence, but had married another. Constance seems

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART.

to have been a loving wife but a poor manager. The snuff-boxes, swords and trinkets which testified of the appreciation of the nobility for the works of the snuff-boxes, swords and trinkets which testified of the appreciation of the nobility for the works of the composer, no more than the applause of the multitude, could fill the larder and spread the table, and the small income which he received from his works was not enough, in the careless hands of his well-meaning but incapable wife, to keep the wolf from the door. Yet Mozart was generally hopeful and cheerful, indeed almost kittenish in his playfulness. For instance, he would often rise long before his wife for a morning stroll or a drive and, kissing her in her sleep, would leave a little note of playful nonsense upon her forehead. Here is a specimen: "Good morning, dear little wife. I hope you have had a good sleep and pleasant dreams. I shall be back in two hours. Behave yourself like a good little girl, and don't run away from your husband." The most elastic nature will at last give way under the constant pressure of adversity and when in 1791 Mozart felt his health breaking down, a settled melancholy took possession of him. This feeling was increased by an' incident, that, to the imagination of the sick man, seemed supernatural. One night a stranger came to him with an order for a requiem. It was to be composed within a month

without fail, and when completed, would be liberally paid for. No name was given, and mysteriously as he had come the stranger departed. Promptly at the end of the month he reappeared, as mysteriously as before, and reminded Mozart of his unfulfilled promise. Mozart then imagined the stranger was a visitor from another world who had come to warn him of approaching death and that the requiem he had ordered was to be Mozart's own. It is now known that the visitor was Count Walseck, who wished to palm off the composition as his work, composed in honor of his recently deceased wife. The requiem was unfinished when death called Mozart on December 5th, 1791. He died in the arms of his wife and Süssmeier. The following day, Van Swieten, Salieri, Schickaneder and Süssmeier accompanied the body as far as St. Stephan's church, but went no farther owing to the stormy weather. The rest we know.

Mozart, genius though he was, was also an indefatigable worker and a constant student of the masterpieces of the composers who had preceded him. He himself said: "There is no celebrated master whose works I have not studied diligently and repeatedly. He was essentially a melodist, but a melodist of the earnest kind, whose operas were equally removed from the triviality of some of the lighter Italian school and from the heavines of certain more modern composers. If we are to believe such a master as Gounod undoubtedly is, the "music of the future" will be more like that of "Don Giovanni" than that of "Parsifal."

THE PASSION PLAY.

The action of the New York courts in prohibiting the production of Salmi Morse's "Passion Play" has aroused some of our contemporaries to express much sympathy for the "persecuted" manager, and corresponding indignation against those who set in motion the machinery of the law. We cannot join in either. There is something revolting to a believer in the Christian religion in the idea of the impersonation of Christ by an actor, and Mr. Morse little understood the cause of the sentiment when he imagined that the repugnance was to professional actors as a class and thought to overcome it by having his play enacted by amateurs whose moral character should be irreproachable. The Christian belief, Mr. Morse ought to have known, is not that Jesus was a moral man but that he was and is God, and the readiness of any man to assume the character of the Divinity in itself settles even his moral character to be below par, for no one with the slightest respect for religion or even the proprieties of life would for an instant entertain the thought of playing God. From the Christian's standpoint, any personation of the Son of God must be a caricature, and it is a caricature of what to him is dearer than life, hence Mr. Morse attempted to put upon the stage a play that was an outrage to the Christian world. But, should the law have interfered? This is a Christian country and our laws are based on Christian civilization. Take the case of polygamy: our laws punish it sedeutcions, why should it not be in its origin, not as a protection to any church organization upon the stage and the propension of the son in the first and point as a protection to the civilization upon a which all our social and political institutions rest?

Is this an infringement of personal liberty? Personal liberty cannot, in civilized lands, be absolute—it is there always limited by the rights of others, and while we recognize Mr. Morse's legal right to be live or disbelieve what he pleases, to give public expression to his views and even to give such exhibitio The action of the New York courts in pro-hibiting the production of Salmi Morse's "Passion Play" has aroused some of our con-

THE DEATH OF RICHARD WAGNER.

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Wane, and no lips rebuke nor reprehend,
Mourning on earth.
The soul wherein her songs of death and birth.
Darkness and light were wont to sound and blend,
Now silent, leaves the whole world less in worth;
Winds that make mourn and triumph, skies that bend,
Thunders and sounds of tides in gulf or firth,
Spake through his spirit of speech, whose death should send
Mourning on earth.

A. C. SWINBURNE.

MUSIC IN ITS RELATION TO OTHER ARTS.

N the last number we dealt with the four great canons of composition in art—Principality, Symmetry, Repetition, Contrast. We shall now pass to Interchange, Gradation, and Simplicity; touch upon the manner in which genius deals with the laws of all art; refer to appropriateness and grotesque; and draw some interesting parallels between architecture and music, and between literature and music. N the last number we dealt with the four

5. INTERCHANGE.

From the law of contrast Mr. Ruskin passes to the law of interchange—a law which is really but a subdivision of that of contrast, or rather perhaps a limitation of it, because by it contrasted masses are so connected that they shall not be separated

The words with which Mr. Ruskin introduces this

"Closely connected with the law of contrast is a law which enforces the unity of opposite things by giving to each a portion of the character of the other. If, for instance, you divide a shield into two masses of color all the way down—suppose blue and white—and put a bar or figure of an animal partly on one division, partly on the other, you will find it pleasant to the eye if you make the part of the animal blue which comes on the white half, and white which comes on the blue half. This is done in heraldry, partly for the sake of perfect intelligibility, but yet more for the sake of delight in interchange of color, since, in all ornamentation whatever, the practice is continual in the ages of good design." good design.

Now this interchange between two predominant colors in painting or heraldry has its exact counterpart in music in those movements which have two predominant subjects. At some part of the composition we are certain to find them more or less intertwined in such a manner as to show that they are not disconnected matter, but have a practical connection with each other, and have been associated together, not at haphazard, but with a well-considered design. The two subjects are, in fact, exhibited in their relation to each other much as a logician would bring into prominence the points of connection between as a logician would bring into prominence the points of connection between his major and minor premises. The subjects in music are interchanged

just as the colors are in painting.

-that is, a constant change in time, from quick

pace—that is, a constant change in time, from quick to slow or from slow to quick.

And just as a graceful curve is always increasing in degree, so the gradation of sound in music is always increasing in degree.

Where these gradations are very decided they are marked in the music by the words crescendo or decrescendo, and rallantando or accelerando.

But beyond these marked features there are the more delicate changes which are too slight for any marking and which may vary, without any inaccuracy, not only with different performer—the gentle pressing forward or holding back, with tender care, of some one note or group of notes—which may be compared to the gradation of a touch of color "not larger than the smallest pin's head" spoken of by Mr. Ruskin. This is what we call "phrasing." It is by his phrasing that we can tell whether the player has grasped the true hidden meanings of the composer which cannot be placed on paper.

In the last quotation there were three remarkable words used by Mr. Ruskin. He says: "No color exists in Nature under ordinary circumstances without gradation." This exceptional law of Nature is obeyed by musicians as it is by other artists. The straight line and the even color may appear in painting for a special purpose. The horizon at sea is a straight line, as though it would say, Man's power, like his sight, is limited. So, also, while gradation in music is almost universal, the hard line may appear to excite a special feeling, as awe, for instance. At the end of Mendelssohn's 98th Psalm the inevitable future Judgment which none can escape is suspended over us as the voices thunder forth, to the same note, repeated with the straight three in the sum of the process of the proc can escape is suspended over us as the voices thunder forth, to the same note, repeated with the same force, "He shall judge, judge with truth."

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In every art we know that simplicity affects us more than the most Titanic piling up of masses. The material with which he deals compels a sculptor to be simple. Witness the force which Flaxman has expressed in fewest lines. In the old masters, it is the symplicity of style that compels us to admiration. Why was the introduction to the last act of the "Africaine" encored seven times on the production of the opera? Because the house was carried away by the simplicity of a few bars of melody in absolute unison without any accompaniment. But that melody is written with an exquisite knowledge of the peculiarities of the instruments to which it is assigned. And thus it is that in music, as in everything else, it requires real genius to be simple. A man may crowd his score with parts, but all the scraping and blowing in the world will not produce the effect of the first four notes of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, or of some of Mozart's simple movements. Mendelssohn in his choral works almost always flies to unison for the voices in his most telling passages. No composition is more respected than the "Hallelujah" Chorus in the "Messiah," and yet observe its simplicity.

We have thus endeavored to show that the laws and those only by which critics judge those arts which appeal to the eye are applicable also to music. We now propose to draw a few parailels, which, if they are more accidental, are probably not quite so unentertaining as those which have already been suggested.

master concerning him. The class master reported that Coleridge was a very dull boy—if asked for a rule of grammar, he never knew it, but always invented one of his own.

APPROPRIATENESS.

Frescoes have this about them which cannot be said of pictures—that we generally see them in the light for which the artist painted. Statuary, too, by its bulk has the same advantage, and in architecture.

by its bulk has the same advantage, and in architecture of course the design is governed by the site. There is no opera more often played at Covent Garden than the "Barbiere," and yet the audience never seems to see, that it is utterly unsuited to a stage of such magnitude. Auber was a good stagemanager, and the length of the introduction to songs and other details in his operas are notably governed by the stage for which they were intended. In the endings of many movements in his masses, Mozart has obviously studied the acoustic peculiarities of churches. Thus the repetition of the key-note alone avoided the clash on his delicate ear of ill-assorted harmonies. He felt this; subsequent science has taught us what he felt.

GROTESQUE.

A most interesting occupation would be to study A most interesting occupation would be to study the analogy between the grotesque in music and in other arts. It is sufficient here just to touch the subject. In his "Modern Painters" Mr. Ruskin, after stating that the grotesque should not be

after stating that the grotesque should not be elaborated, says:—
"What is thus doubtfully true of the pathetic grotesque is assuredly and always true of the jesting grotesque. So far as it expresses any transient flash of wit or satire, the less labor of line or color given to its expression the better: elaborate jesting being always intensely painful."
How well this describes the touches of humor which we meet with in Haydn and Beethoven?

ARCHITECTURE AND MUSIC.

Good design in architecture is wonderfully like good fugue-writing. It relies on two principles—unity of general conception and variety of detail. We may note this especially in the romanesque, with its endless variety of treatment of an arcade with little columns, all generally alike, but found on examination to vary in capital, in shaft, and in

base.

But there are many points of happy resemblance between music and architecture. For instance, there is many a progression which by its breadth and other properties is suited to a bass part, though it could never form part of the superstructure. We could no more substitute the bass for the treble of Talis's litany than the base of a column for its capital

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There is also a parallel between the appropriate treatment of an instrument in music and of a material in architecture. A design suitable for stone is inappropriate in brick or wood; and a violin passage is inconvenient or impossible for a wind instrument.

Again, there is some analogy between the superimposed orders in Renaissance architecture—take, for example the church of St. Mary in the Strand—and the successive movements of a sonata. The architectural orders always follow each other in a definite succession; so do the movements of the sonata. Then the architect takes measures to increase the importance of the cornice of the highest order, so that it shall not only be the finish of its own order, but also distinctly the finish of the whole building. For example, in the exterior of St. Paul's Cathedral there are two entablatures of the same proportion; but in the upper, brackets supporting the cornice are introduced on the frieze, thereby giving emphasis to the upper story. Similarly in a sonata the close of the last movement is commonly more decided, more satisfying, as the close of the entire work, than the termination of any previous movement.

The repetitions of a ground bass resemble a line Another law, opposed to the law of contrast, is the law of gradation. Mr. Ruskin says:—
"Whenever you lay on a mass of core wall, it shall be gradated. Not exist in Nature under continuous matter how small, it shall be gradated. Not exist in Nature under continuous matter how small the touch of color may be, though not larger than the smallest pin's head; fone part of it is not darker than the rest it is a bad touch; for it is not merely because the natural fact is so that your color should be gradated: the preciousness and pleasantness of the color itself depend more on this than on any other of its qualities, for gradation is to colors just what curvature is to lines, both being felt to be beautiful by the pure instinct of every human mind and both considered as types expressing the law itself."

And further order specifies variation as one of the two characters by which "graceful curvature is distinguished from ungraceful"—"that is to say, its never remaining equal in degree at different parts of its course." The same maxim may be applied to gradation of colors—that is, the degrees by which dark passes to light must be always and regularly increasing or diminishing.

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The different means which are taken to soften the hard line of a cornice against the sky—by a balustrade, for instance—are like a coda in the subdominant after a full close. If with the hand or a stick we conceal the balustrade at the top of the Treasury buildings or of St. Paul's, we have the same sense of abruptness of finish as we have in a movement in which the key of the subdominant is not employed towards the close.

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The minuet and trio is a form in music which is the exact type of a certain treatment which we find in Renaissance architecture. The minuet is a movement complete in itself enfolding another movement, the trio, also complete in itself; but the trio and minuet are of nearly equal dimensions. We have many specimens of a smaller movement enclosed in one comparatively much larger. Thus in a finale we have sometines a short movement introduced as an episode, which is so complete that it may be treated as a miniature movement of development with free fantasia and all essential parts—a sort of picture within a picture. For example, the finale of Mozart's First Pianoforte Sonata, in the key of F major, includes a complete little movement of twenty-two bars in the key of F minor.

Similarly in Renaissance architecture, doors, windows and recesses are frequently treated in an order different from that of the main building, and order different from that of the main building, and are, as it were, separate movements, complete in themselves, including in another larger movement. For example, in St. Peter's, Vere Street, by Gibbs, the sacrarium is Ionic and is embraced by the general Corinthian order of the building, exactly like a trio by a minuet. And that a similar principle may be applied in the case of ornamentation of buildings with color we have the authority of Mr. Aitcheson. In a paper on "Color as applied to Architecture," read at the London Institute on December 19th, 1881, Mr. Aitcheson says:—

"But the obtaining of one suffused color need not prevent us from making any deep recess—or portion that is so cut off as to make itself a separate object—a spot of brilliancy or colored loveliness quite different from the main color of the decoration."

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Now, if we glance at the comparative history of architecture and music, we shall find that there is some analogy between the five species of counterpoint and the five orders of classical architecture, and also the successive periods of English Gothic architecture. We are indebted to Professor Macfarren for the suggestion of a comparison between the architecture. We are indebted to Professor Macfarren for the suggestion of a comparison between the five species of counterpoint and the five orders of classical architecture, but the comparison with Gothic architecture is still more striking.

The most massive species of counterpoint is that which moves no faster than the subject; it is full of dignity and stands firm, like the heavy Doric or the massive Norman.

More ornamental is the counterpoint which moves twice as fast as the subject, two notes to one, like the lighter Tuscan and the airy First-pointed Gothic.

Still more fanciful and more modern is the third Still more fanciful and more modern is the third species of counterpoint. In its common form of four notes to one, it has the prettiness of Ionic. But under this species are also grouped three notes to one and six notes to one, so that it has all the varied beauty of Middle-pointed Gothic, whether geometrical or flamboyant; and we may perhaps some day sublimate from this species of counterpoint something as refined as what was once ironically termed the "early late middle pointed." Then advancing science discovered that wonderful ornament in music the suspension. The endless

ornament in music the suspension. The endless motion of the third species was checked at once by this new discovery. This is like the Corinthian, which is more stately than the Ionic. But it still more closely resembles the square-set early Perpendicular Gothic, which effected a complete revolution in architecture.

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The fifth species of counterpoint is a florid form of the fourth, a figure derived from the third species being employed to conceal the true construction. Here, then, we have the third and fourth species of counterpoint combined to make a fifth species just as in classical architecture the third and fourth orders, Ionic and Corinthian, are combined to make a fifth, called Composite. And the true construction of the counterpoint is concealed by the florid ornament, just as in the later florid perpendicular architecture the true construction is often concealed by the superimposed ornament.

LITERATURE AND MUSIC.

Hitherto no reference has been made to poetry; but poetry may serve to illustrate how far music may be allowed to imitate the sounds of nature. It may safely be said that any imitation of natural

sounds must, in poetry, be wrapped up in words—that is to say, the sounds must, not be imitated by the mouth, but words may be employed which are suggestive of the sounds.

The somewhat trite quotation from Pope's "Odyssey," in which the labor of Sisyphus in getting his stone up the hill is contrasted with the facility with which the stone rolls down again, will make this clear. this clear :-

With many a weary step and many a groan, Up the high hill he heaves a huge round stone; The huge round stone, resulting with a bound, Thunders impetuous down, and smokes along the ground.

Here there is no avowed imitation, but the sense is expressed in words which are specially selected for their suggestiveness.

So is it with music. The figure of the accompaniment to the ride in Berlioz' "Faust" is highly suggestive of the galloping of horses, and as the notes get slower, we seem to see the horses stopping. But this is not an exact imitation of horses' feet, for the same notes are not preserved, but only the

But this is not an exact imitation of horses' feet, for the same notes are not preserved, but only the figure; and, in fact, as the horses stopped and got out of their stride, their feet would touch the ground faster instead of slower.

And from literature generally may be taken another illustration of an object which should be kept in view in musical composition.

One of the beauties of Macaulay's style is the skill with which he returns from a digression to his principal matter. Not only does the digression seem to arise naturally out of the subject; it also seems to return to it naturally forming a sort of loop in the thread of the argument.

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So it is with music. A digression must work back to the principal theme, and not jump back to it with an awkward sort of musical "but to return,"

with an awkward sort of musical "but to return," or any other pleonasm.

Many points of resemblance between music and her sister arts may be recognized beyond those referred to above. The object in view has been to excite interest in the comparative study of art. The mind of a specialist is expanded by the knowledge of an art which operates through a medium different from his own. A painter may paint better pictures when he can appreciate the principles which governed Bach, Mozart, and Beethoven; a musician may compose better music when he has learned what may be learned at Assissi, in the Pitti Palace, or from the walls of our own National Gallery.

Gallery.
It is, happily, now not uncommon to see the first painters of the day in St. James' Hall: I hope that the first musicians of the day may be as frequently met within the walls of Burlington house. But merely to look at pictures and to listen to music is not enough; we must each go a little below the skin, and, though we may not be able to understand every anatomical nicety of the other's art, let us in each case learn something of the general skeleton.

Let knowledge grow from more to more. But more of reverence in us dwell: That mind and soul, according well, May make one music as before, But vaster.

The Musical Times (London.)

THE ENGINEER AT A CONCERT.

"I was loafing around the streets last night," said Jim Nelson, one of the locomotive engineers running into New Orleans, "and as I had nothing to do I dropped into a concert and heard a slick-looking Frenchman play a piano in a way that made me feel all over in spots. As soon as he sat down on the stool I knew by the way he handled himself that he understood the machine he was running. He tapped the keys way up one end, just as if they were gauges, and wanted to see if he had water enough. Then he looked up as if he wanted to know how much steam he was carrying, and the next moment he pulled open the throttle, and sailed out on the main line, just as if he was a half an hour late. You could hear her thunder over culverts and bridges, and getting faster and faster, until the fellow rocked about in his seat like a cradle. Somehow I thought it was old '36' pulling a passenger train and getting out of the way of a 'special.' The fellow worked the keys on the middle division like lightning, and then he flew along the north end of the line until the driver went around like a buzz saw, and I got excited. About the time I was fixing to tell him to cut her off a little, he kicked the dampers under the machine wide open, pulled the throttle away back in the tender, and,

Jerusalem, jumpers! how he did run. I couldn't stand it any longer, and yelled to him that she was pounding on the left side, and if he wasn't careful he'd drop his ash pan. But he didn't hear. No one heard me. Everything was flying and whizzing. Telegraph poles on the side of the track looked like a row of corn stalks, the trees appeared to be a mud bank, and all the time the exhaust of the old machine sounded like a hum of a bumble bee. I tried to yell out, but my tongue wouldn't move. He went around curves like a bullet, slipped an eccentric, blew out his soft plug, went down grades fifty feet to the mile and not a confounded brake set. She went by the meeting-point at a mile and a half feet to the mile and not a confounded brake set. She went by the meeting-point at a mile and a half a minute, and calling for more steam. My hair stood up like a cat's tail, because I knew the game was up. Sure enough, dead ahead of us was the headlight of the 'special.' In a daze I heard the crash as they struck, and I saw cars shivered into atoms, people mashed and mangled and bleeding and gasping for water. I heard another crash as the French professor struck the deep keys away down on the lower end of the southern division, and then I came to my senses. There he was at a dead standstill with the door of the fire-box of the machine open, wiping the perspiration off his face and bowing at the people before him. If I live to be a thousand years old I'll never forget the ride that Frenchman gave me on the piano.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

A RARE OLD GREGORIAN HYMN.



FEW days after the performance of "St. Paul" by the Henry Shaw Musical Society, mentioned in our last issue, as we stepped into the office of the Review (the editor's own office is five or six squares distant) at the close of office hours, we found Mr. Joseph Saler, the barytone, discussing with our Mr. Kunkel, in the presence of two or three other persons, the question of the tempi in 'St. Paul" which we claimed had been taken too slowly. Mr. Saler's position seemed to be that the difference in the tempi could not affect the character of a composition so much as Mr. Kunkel said. The discussion bid fair to be interminable, as must be all discussions on matters of taste. Runkel said. The discussion bid fair to be interminable, as must be all discussions on matters of taste. Upon entering we had taken the first vacant seat, and that chanced to be a stool before an open piano. To put an end to the apparently useless dispute, we suggested that as they would never arrive at a conclusion and it was time to close up, they might as well close the debate; but before the company separated we desired to know whether any one procedured. close the debate; but before the company separated we desired to know whether any one present could give us the name of a certain hymn tune that had been haunting us all day, but which we had been unable to identify. We thought that Mr. Saler, an old and experienced choir singer, could doubtless tell. We turned to the piano and played the tune three times in succession, but Mr. Saler could not say anything further than that it was a Gregorian hymn. Mr. Kunkel then said we had asked him the same question earlier in the day and he could not remember the name of the tune; he thought we did not get the harmony just as he recollected it, however. We gave way to him and he went over the piece four consecutive times; but, save that it was a "Gregorian Hymn" Mr. Saler could "not just place it." This was the tune, which we advise our readers to play over before they read further:

Stone.



When Mr. Saler had heard the tune seven times without being able to identify it, we asked Mr. Kunkel to play it faster, say as fast again, and he then played it as follows. (We again ask our read-



First there came a look of blank amazement on Mr. Saler's face, and then, those who have heard in the same and the same an

who have listened to "Yankee Doodle" played in slow time who has recognized it even after repeated hearings. Herr Niedner, the veteran music typographer recognized it as a hymn which is constantly sung in Lutheran churches. It was "a German chorale, of course"—"a prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Ghost." He would find it at home and let us know etc., etc.

Now we have written all this not so much to tell a joke as to point a moral. If musicians of recognized ability (and we have mentioned none others), some of them eminent for their talents and accomplishments, cannot recognize "Yankee Doodle" played in slow time, how can the uncritical masses be expected to get any idea of what composers mean when the tempi are wrongly given and the compositions are disnatured and disfigured? But then when we say that the tempo of a conductor was not right, there are musical wiseacres in St. Louis who say it is but a trifling fault, and one which we would not mention were we not actuated by malice (!) To our younger class of readers, the learners, who too often neglect to play a piece in the time indicated, our little story may not be useless. Some may say they have no metronomes. To such we would recall the fact that Kunkel's Pocket Metronome costs but \$2.00, and is given as a premium to those who send two new subscribers to our paper, the subscribers still receiving their own premiums.

betrothed lady, the talented tragic actress, Fraülein Planer (afterwards his first wife) by his side. No sooner had Bethmann caught sight of his capell-meister, than he exclaimed, "Well, Herr Musik-director, how are you progressing? Shall we have your opera at last? May I get the bills ready for the day after to-morrow?"

"I think so," answered the composer with a smile

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"The solo singers are tolerably well prepared, and with regard to the chorus and orchestra, I have built my hopes upon the night rehearsal."

"Night rehearsal?" cried the manager. "The night rehearsal? Man! how can you contemplate such a thing? Do you imagine that they will yet put up with a night rehearsal, when I am indebted to them to the extent of fully two months' salary? With the choristers, perhaps you may be able to arrange it; but the musicians, the born revolutionists, will never consent to it."

"Never fear," replied the young composer with a laugh; "they shall come, chorus, orchestra, and all. I have promised them a good supper, and a cooling bowl afterwards, if the performance can take place the day after to-morrow. That has had the desired effect."

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"For your own sake, too, I will hope that all may go well, since the first performance will be for your own benefit."
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"On the contrary! You stand in greater need than I do of a successful first night. Take the first for yourself, by all means, and I will come in for the greater."

"You are very generous," responded Bethmann.
"Less so than you think," the capellmeister rejoined, laughingly. "The good result of the first night, whereof there can now be scarcely a doubt, shall draw a still fuller house on the second!"
"Let us hope so, at all events, said the manager, returning to his theatre. The young composer sent a look of sympathy after the old man, and, with his handsome fiancée, went his way.

Two days later there was to be read on the playbills of the Magdeburg Theater:

DIE NOVIZE VON PALERMO.

Grosse Oper in Drei Aufzügen.

VON

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The house was completely filled on that evening. Great, indeed, had been the expectations of the public, and not the least eager were those of the composer himself. In order to appreciate the feelings of a composer or dramatist on the occasion of the first performance of one of his own works, it is necessary to have undergone that ordeal oneself. If there be some dramatic authors who, in such cases, can exhibit a calm or even apathetic demeanor, ten to one that the attitude is merely an assumed one. Inwardly, there is turmoil, the heart throbs violently, and if you felt the pulse, you would find it increased to 120 beats a minute. This anxiety becomes greater still when the curtain rises, and during the following scenes. The coughing of the apprentice lad in the gallery provokes the poet's wrath, and the hard sneezing of the elderly lady in the pit drives him into despair. Should the first act please, and there be applause, and even calling before the curtain, the fate of the drama or opera is thus by no means decipted. With the second and the following acts the warmth of the audience must yet increase, and the plaudits reach their climax in the last scene. What an ordeal, then, the poor poet has still to undergo, compared to which the fire and water braved by Prince Tamino are mere child's play! The caprices of fortune are sometimes so very odd. May not, for instance, the gas suddenly go out in the middle of the last act and the house become enveloped in an Egyptian darkness? Or the prima donna, dissatisfied with the part assigned to her, faint away in the most effective scene? May not, at the most tragic moment of the piece, the black cat belonging to the theatre run across the stage, or the prompter have taken too much wine, and, perchance, turn over six pages of his book instead of one?

It is not the intention of the present writer to criticise the early work of a composer who, with his subsequent productions, has obtained so deservedly great a name. He will merely chronicle the result of

conventional music, whereof they could not carry away with them a single note in their memory, confused and irritated them. In vain did they listen for one of those sweet tunes which so easily take hold of the fancy and fix themselves in the memory, such as they had hitherto met with in every other new opera; a characteristic which, indeed, to this day prevents some people from appreciating Wagner's music, and which to some extent—if not with such marked individuality as in his later productions—was already apparent in "Die Novize von Palermo." The new opera, in fact, was condemned in the most unequivocal manner by the public. A second performance was, with much difficulty, arranged some few days later, but the house was almost empty. Sorely disappointed in his strong hopes as he was, the genial composer nevertheless made good his word, and treated the assembled choristers and musicians to the promised supper after the trial of the first night was past.

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The public verdict as regards this early opera of Wagner may be summed up in the words—too much orche tration, too little melody. The fact, however, that the mellifluous "Norma" had just previously been introduced to the acquaintance of the people of Magdeburg doubtless contributed to the adverse on the coercier in a contributed to the difference of the people of Magdeburg doubtless contributed to the adverse on the coercier in the coercier. of Magdeburg doubtless contributed to the adverse opinion expressed on the occasion in question. Real connoisseurs, on the other hand, though shaking their heads at many details contained in the new work, were yet constrained to admit having been struck by occasional flashes of genius, and to predict a great future for the young composer of "Die Novize von Palermo." How these prophecies have been fulfilled the world knows. Richard Wagner was able to write a "Tannhäuser" and a "Lohengrin;" was able to conceive and accomplish other works of gigantic proportions. And the fact alone that so far from being discouraged by his early failures, he should, on the contrary, have gathered a fresh stimulus from them for his indomitable devotion to his ideal, stamps him as a truly great artist.

MUSIC IN ST. LOUIS.

The Beethoven Conservatory has been quite chary of its exhibition of the talents of its pupils the present season, and more than half of the school year had elapsed-when its first concert filled Memorial Hall with a select and critical audience. A varied and well-selected programme was offered, and from the time the first selection, the overture to "Merry Wives," was played by Misses Mills, Pope, Paulding and Holmes. In exact time and with good expression, it became evident that Prof. Waldauer had (wisely, we think.) decided to make up in quality what might have been lacking in quantity. A ballad by sullivan was then rendered quite acceptably by Miss Holmes, who was followed by Miss Fraley, in Moszkowski's waltz in A flat. Miss Lena Reinhardt then gave a violin solo, a nocturne of Lange's, and showed that the gentle sex can handle the bows as well as the beaux. Mrs Paramore and Miss I illie McEwing played their piano duet, "Euryanthe," Weber, with grace and intelligence. After a cavatina, by Concone, had been executed by Miss Huldah Buddeke, Miss Ella M. Davis played Kalkbrenner's Le Rève, with orchestra accompaniment, in a way that made it, perhaps, the gem of the evening, winning her three well-deserved recalls. Mr. Paul Nemours then played "Rondo Russe," De Beriot, with his usual good taste and style, after which Miss Sallie Parker rendered Liszt's Hungarian Fantasia (with second piano accompaniment) in a capital manner. The concert closed with "Variations Concertantes for Soprano," Artot, by Mrs. Lilian Taylor, with violin obligato by Prof. Waldauer and accompaniment by the orchestra. This number was one of the most successful of the evening. The concert was really meritorious, and was by many pronounced the best the Beethoven Conservatory has ever give. It is always agreeable to note progress, and Prof. Waldauer can certainly congratulate himself upon the advance of his school, as we congratulate himself upon his new departure of bringing before the public as performers only those who can appear with credi

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The St. Louis Choral Society's third concert, which occurred at Mercantile Library Hall on March 8th, consisted of Schumann's "Paradise and the Peri." It was, as far as the choruses are concerned, by far the best performance of choral music heard in St. Louis this year. Strange to say, it has been made the target of the blunt shafts of more than one of our so-called critics—who particularly complain of the manner in which the "recitatives" were sung. That complaint, however, settles their right to say anything in the way of criticism, for the work does not contain one single line of recitative, being measured music from one end to the other. It is also said that Mr. Otten did not lead the orchestra, but that the orchestra had to take the bit in their teeth, so to speak, and play on, regardless of his conducting. If the orchestra can do as well as it did on this occasion, without a conductor, we wish the office of orchestra conductor were abolished in St. Louis, for we have seldom heard the orchestra do so well. We are of the opinion, however that Mr. Otten leads, perhaps, too modestly, and that more definite indications of his wishes would please the gentlemen of the orchestra better. In one thing, however, it seems to us that Mr. Otten is open to criticism—we refer to his selection of a tenor. The society has a number of tenors who are tenors—then, why select Mr. Dierkes who was until lately, in his own estimation, a barytone, and who, in our opinion, is a barytone still, and likely to remain such, unless his efforts to sing a part for which Nature has not fitted him should result in destroying his voice altogether? Then, having selected Mr. Dierkes, why not insist upon his knowing his part? Mr. Dierkes' performance was bad in all respects, and Mr. Otten must share the responsibility before the public. Here, however, all unfavorable criticism

they ought to have been, and, save in the particulars we have mentioned, Schumann's difficult but beautiful music, with all its wealth of soulful and fresh melody and its graceful and not overburdened harmonies, received a very satisfactory rendering. If Mr. Otten can bring the choruses for the "Redemption" performance to the same perfection as he did these, St. Louis will certainly hear a first-rate performance of this great work.

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The third concert of the Association Hall Course took place on march 13th. A business engagement presented our attendence and the gentleman upon whom we relied for a report did not arrive until the concert was half over. We append the programme, which is varied enough to have pleased every one, though had we had the choice of the vocal numbers, we should probably have made one or two changes for instance, Mr. Schleiffarth's "Who will buy my roses red?" is far from being equal to his "Come again days of bliss"—in fact it is common-place and rather crudely put together—but that is perhaps the cause of its popularity. But here is the complete programme. Piano Solo, (a) Scène Pastorale, Op. 50, No. 1, Heller, (b) Variations Sérieuses, Op. 54, Mendelssohn, E. R. Kroeger; Soprano-Solo, "Separation," Rossini, Miss Fannie E. Flesh: Flute and Piano-Concertante, Sonata, Op. 83, No. 1, Kuhlau, (a) Allegro confucco, (b) Andantino quasi Allegretto, (c) Allegro, J. A. Kieselhorst, and E. R. Kroeger; Tenor Solo—"My Queen, "Blumenthal, J. C McIlvane: Piano Solo (a) Berceuse, Strelezki, (b) Etude, Op. 24, No. 2, Moszkowski, E. R. Kroeger; Sporano Solo, "Who Will Buy My Roses Red", Schleiffarth, Miss Fannie E. Flesh, (Flute Obligato: J. A. Kieselhorst); Duet for Violin and Piano, Sonata in F. Kroeger, (a) Allegretto, (b) Intermezzo Presto (The Chase), I. L. Schoen and E. R. Kroeger; Tenor Solo, "Last Watch," Pinsuti, J. C. McIlvane; Plano duet, Characteristic Dances, No. 2 and 3, Kroeger, E. R. Kroeger and J. A. Kieselhorst,

A writter in the Republican of March 18th protests against the bringing of Thomas and his Orchestra to St. Louis in May next to present Gounod's "Redemption," principally because it will take several thousand dollars out of the city which would be better spent if paid to our local musicians. He seems to forget that there are two sides to a ledger. So far as the city is concerned, if Thomas takes away say six thousand dollars, will he not have drawn hither three or four times that amount? Then where is the loss? Surely local orchestras have had no stauncher friends than we, but we think the public at large are more interested in music than in music-makers. St. Louis wants to hear the "Redemption"—not an arrangement of it by some penny-a-liner of an arranger, but Gounod's "Redemption," and Thomas holds the sole performing right for this country—it is therefore the "Redemption" with Thomas or no "Redemption" with orchestra. By all means then, let us have Thomas, even if he does actually carry away more money than he will bring. As to our local orchestras—or rather orchestra—we do not see how Thomas' visit will injure that, unless it be assumed that that local organization is so bad that one appearance of Thomas will snuff! tout—an assumption entirely unfounded in fact. We would not be understood here as indirectly condemning the proposed performance of "The Redemption" by the "Henry Shaw Musical Society." On the contrary, we say that no better preparation for the thorough understanding and enjoyment of the Thomas performance of "The Redemption" by the "Henry Shaw Musical Society." On the contrary, we say that no better preparation for the thorough understanding and enjoyment of the Thomas performance could be had than that which this anticipatory rendering will furnish—provided it be had with piano or organ accompaniment—for a piano arrangement, by its very lack of color, puts into prominence the form, which is the first thing that should he grasped, and will enable the careful listener to afterwards appreciate th

"An avalanche! Do you mean an avalanche? Oh! Can there be anything more crystally utter than an avalanche!"
"It was poots toots attention."

town at the rate of 1,000 miles and three furlong a minute. We seen him a—a uttering down the side of the mountain, ripping up trees and rocks and tooting along, and his iridescent wife flapped out of her schack and began to raise a row."

"Poor Lily," moaned the girl; "did she stop the glorious avalanche?"

"No pum pot quite. Duffit fatabala.

glorious avalanche?"

"No, mum, not quite. Duffy fetched up against his schack all standing and began to howl like a blizzard, 'cause he thought he'd lost his mine. But when they tipped the landslide on one end there was the mine underneath just as he had left it. So he could work it right under his window. That was pooty considerable too, eh?" and the Deadwood man never winked.

"How sublime! How crystalline!"

"But I was going to say we never had a sunset

"So star-like," murmured the girl.
"Yes, mostly star-like. You see the landslide stands there to this day on end, and they don't dare to turn it over for fear of filling in the town, so we don't get any sun after 11 in the morning."
"A perennial twilight! So fearfully, terribly, awfully utter."
"Yes," muttered the Deadwood man, "It's just about as utter as you get 'em."
And she sat and gazed upon him, wrapped in admiration, while he fell into a reverie and wondered at Brooklyn hospitality in not providing bandboxes for strangers.—Detroit Free Press.

THE NEW ODYSSEY.

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The end men: "Now you are an Ethiopian, Billy," said a friend to Birch, as he was putting on the finishing touches for his evening's appearance. "No," was the reply, "I'm a cork-ash-un."—Yonkers Gazette.

"It was pooty, tooty, utter," hazarded the Deadwood man, dropping into his companion's style of expression. "The cobbler had a—a—he had a crystally shaft up the side of the butte and one day was—was tooing around up there, and things slipped out from under him."

"Oh! how radiant! How iridescent!"

"Yes, mum, and he began to radiate to'ards"

"Ers Gazette.

A young lady who teaches music in an academy in western New York sent an order to a music publisher recently, in which she had spelled the words very poorly. She apologized by adding a postscript as follows: "You must exkews this letter, az I pla bi noat but spel bi ear."



OUR MUSIC.

"Novellette No. 10," Schumann.—Schumann needs no introduction at our hands and his works require no commendation from any one. We can only say that this "Novellette" contains some of this great writer's best musical thoughts.

Vivace from 7th Symphony, Beethoven, reduced for piano by Carl Sidus—Lovers of the beauties of classical music will be thankful to us for giving them this musicianly, and yet simple, arrangement of some of the most inspired pages ever written by that giant among musicians, Beethoven. Sidus is doing a real-service to the cause of music and to the better class of teachers and pupils in bringing the works of the great tone-poets within the grasp of younger players. Of course, we would not be understood as say ng that, from his arrangements, one can seize all the beauty of the orchestral score; that can never be done on the piano; but the ideas, and as far as possible the forms; of the great originals are preserved, and the player whom study has made familiar with these settings for the piano of musical masterpieces, has acquired valuable knowledge which he could not so easily have obtained in any other way.

"IL Troyatore." Sidus.—This easy fantasia or

of musical masterpieces, has acquired valuable knowledge which he could not so easily have obtained in any other way.

"IL TROVATORE," Sidus.—This easy fantasia or rather potpourri of some of the most melodious portions of Verdi's most popular opera, far supasses in merit any other similar arrangement we have ever seen, and we have examined at least forty. As a teaching piece it will be found excellent in every particular. We never want our readers to take our word for anything we say concerning the selections of music that appear in the Review and we invite them to compare this arrangement of ours from "Il Trovatore" with any other of the same grade. Advanced players will, of course, prefer the brilliant fantasias of Melnotte and Paul.

"Danse Caracteristique," No. 1 E. R. Kræger.—Some of our subscribers have been writing to us, asking why we did not now give piano duets as we used to do and expressing a desire that we should again do so. Bless you, friends, the Review contains more and better music than any other paper published anywhere, but even we cannot give everything at once. We have many beautiful duets that will appear in due time. Here is one, which will be found well written and novel.

"When I Breathe thy Name," Henrion.—Some of our readers will recognize in this song an improved version of this French composer's popular romance "Si loin!" There is no reason why it should not please on this side of the Atlantic as it has upon the other.

"The Stolen Kiss," Epstein.—We don't think

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"THE STOLEN KISS," Epstein.—We don't think the words of this song are very bad, if we did write them, and we know that the music, which makes no pretensions at being classical, is pleasing, melodious and not unduly difficult of execution. The song has often been sung with great effect, before this, and we believe it will be sung much oftener now that our readers have an opportunity of becoming acquainted with it. Try it at the next concert, or in the parlor the next evening "Charles Augustus" calls!

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The 2nd time f with crescendo to the end



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STUDY.



In this study of broken chords, observe carefully in what position the fingers would be, if the notes constituting the chord were struck together. The same fingering must of course be taken when the chord is broken. At $\underline{\underline{A}}$, the notes struck together would employ the fingers 123 and 5 as it contains two keys between G and C. at $\underline{\underline{B}}$ the notes would be struck with the fingers 1,2,4 and 5 as there is but one key between C and $\underline{\underline{E}}$. The student will observe by this that when the key to be struck next to the fifth finger is at a distance of a fourth, it is struck with the third finger, if at a distance of a third, with the fourth.



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Observe carefully the phrasing in NosIII and IIII. The grace note at No III. is struck simultaneously with the bass note, Its value is taken from the note following, as shown by example.

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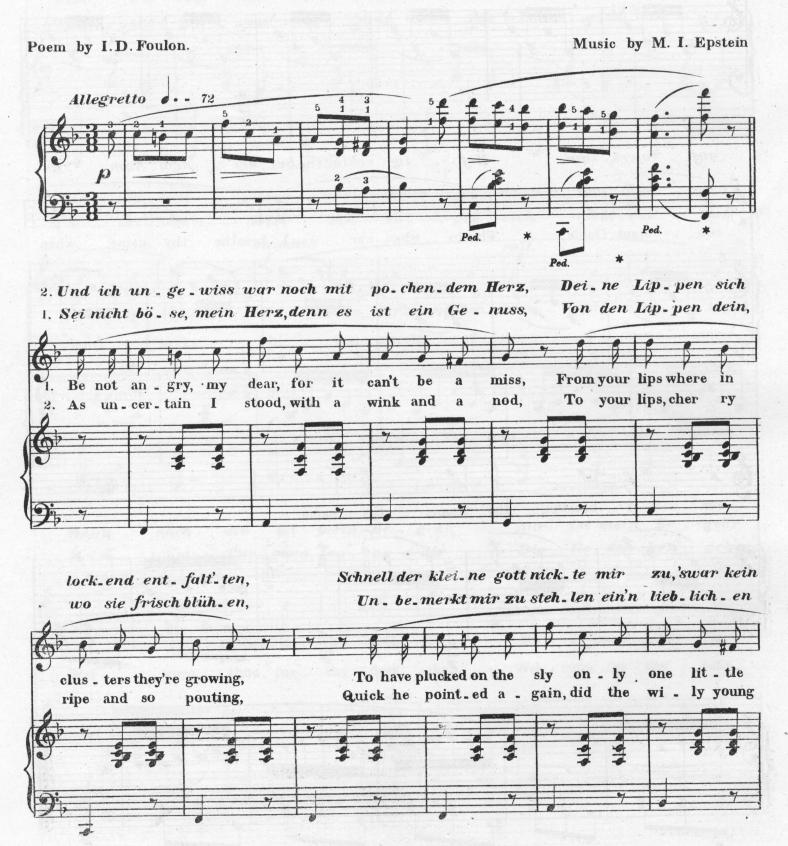
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BOSTON, March 15th, 1883.

Opera chiefly, this-month. Mapleson has reversed the order of last season. Then he had good male soloists, but no female voices. This season his strength is almost wholly in his female stars. Patti, Scalchi and Albani make a very tolerable combition. But St. Louis was in advance of Boston in enjoying the opera this year, and I need not descant upon the soloists, nor upon the beauty and solidity of the chorus. I may say, however, that the amount of tremolo in that troupe has never been excelled. Clampi-Cellaj leads easily as the champion vocal shaker, and when Nicolini and Rossini are on the stage to assist him, things vibrate to an unheard-of extent. But the great excellence of the three stars redeems everything, and Ravelli, Galassi and Monti are each excellent in their way, while the orchestra are quite thorough in their work. So we will no snarl or pick too many flaws. Semiramide was the great success of the season, and Linda di Chamouni was also nearly perfect. The second act of the Flying Dutchman will be indelibly stamped on my memory because of the earnest way in which Albani and Galassi sung it. So will the first and last acts, because of the numerous mishaps and because of the havoc the chorus played with the music. Scarcely a note was sung in time or tune, and when the phantom ship came dashing in, it at once upset and spilled a small cargo of rather solid spectres out on the stage. Fortunately no bones were broken, spir' of the shrieks and "Oh Dio's!" from behind the scenes. The curtain was lowered, the ship righted, and the play went on. I know that none of the crew were drowned, because the craft was only large enough to hold three, and when its crew came forward to sing, there were over twenty. Therefore, there will be no occasion to head this "Another Ocean Disaster." In closing my operatic remarks I may say that Mierzwinski was a failure here.

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The symphony concerts have kept on the even tenor of their way spite of opera and all other attractions. The Philharmonic is giving some excellent programmes. But no especial novelties. Goldmark s Lendliche Hochzeit, Cowen's Scandinavian Symphony and other works of worth have graced their programmes. But at a recent concert of this series Neupert, the Norwegian planist, made a fine impression in Beethoven's "Emperor concerto." He played it in a (for him) very conservative manner, and only let out his Leonine characteristics when a heavy chord passage came along, when he would gather himself together and crash down upon it in a manner which always brought him a little behind the orchestra. In the "Don Juan Fantasia," by Liszt, he gave way to all his bravura effects, ending with a trill which would have alarmed a deaf and dumb asylum. At the Boston Symphony concerts the two chief novelties have been Paine's Tempest and Max Bruch's new symphony. The former is a symphonic poem, founded on seenes from Shakespear's Tempest. It is a succession of delightful pictures, well contrasted and admirably scored. The storm, the tranquill scene before Prospero's cell, the love passages of Ferdinand and Miranda, all make up a total of which Prof. Paine may be proud.

The Bruch symphony is a broad, dignified work, chiefly of martial or triumphant character. It has passages which remind of the prelude in Wagner's Parsital, and is throughout richly scored, and has much brass work. The first movement seems the best, and the last the weakest.

The vast numbers of other concerts precludes my mentioning them in detail. The chief of them have been a series by Mr. B. J. Lang, where the piano works of Schumann have been given in succession. The recitals of Dr. Louis Mass, where five enormous

though both concerts were excenent in execution, and sheet his special analysis.

There is absolutely no rest this season for the Boston critic. Every week brings about three important concerts (generally two with orchestra) and a host of minor musical occasions. Saturday night is occupied with the weekly symphony concerts, and when these are finished (there will have been 26 in this series alone), there comes a series of trio concerts to follow, and then comes the great Handel and Haydn triennial festival, in May, and thus the ball will be kept up till summer. And then I will transfer your letters to the other side of the pond, as I have enrolled my name among the excursionists who form the educational party, which sails for Europe June 16th. Whatever education I imbibe I will faithfully share with your readers.

BALTIMORE.

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BALTIMORE, March 12, 1883.

EDITOR KUNKEL'S MUSICAL REVIEW:—The Oratorio of "Elijah" was given March 9th at 5th Regiment Armory. The main hall and galleries were crowded to their utmost capacity, a large number of people standing during the performance. The ladies of the chorus nearly all appeared in evening dress of white or light tints of pink and blue, and the gentlemen of the

chorus and orchestra, in black full dress suits. The rendition of the "Elijah," from beginning to end, was so satisfactory that it would be difficult to point out special excellencies. Mr. Whitney sang Elijah with musical vigor. Mrs. Osgood gave impressive tenderness to her lines. Miss Kate Percy Douglass sang with bird-like clearness. Miss Lena Little's sympathetic contralto won a triumph, and Mr. Arthur D. Woodruff delivered the tenor parts with entire satisfaction.

The chorus was thoroughly under the control of Prof. Fritz Fincke, and the singing was marked b" clearness, vigor and delicacy of shading. The organ, under Mr. Harold Randolph, gave roundness to the performance. The successful production of "Elijah" adds another to the unbroken series of triumphs achieved by the Baltimore Oratorio Society since its organization three years ago. The greatest work of the masters in choral music, such as the "Messiah," "St. Paul," "Israel in Egypt" and now "Elijah," have been produced with a grandeur, here tofore attempted in only such cities as Boston, New York and a few others. The "Redemption" will be given in April, with the assistance of Theodore Thomas' orchestra.

The fifth symphony of the season will be given at the Peabody, March 26th.

WASHINGTON.

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WASHINGTON D. C., March 19, 1883.

EDITOR KUNKEL'S MUSICAL REVIEW:—The great Patti has been here and gone. She flashed up into our horizon like a meteor, dazzled us for one short week with her splendor, and left behind her, in the recollection of her audiences, a bright trait that will not speedily fade. Patti has been praised, puffed, criticized, interviewed and advertised to such an extent that but little remains to be said of her. We had, of course, great expectations, and we were not disappointed. Scalchi created almost as great a sensation here as did Patti. The peculiar quality of her voice and her artistic execution placed her way up in the estimation of the public. It is not unlikely that the fact that all the other artists were to a certain extent held in the background in the matter of puffs, in order that Patti might stand out more prominently, had much to do with preparing the way for Scalchi—for she was certainly a great and pleasant surprise. Whether or not Scalchi would be capable of doing a big part, like Azucena, where the burden of the work would rest upon her. is another matter. She only appeared here in "Semiramide," "Traviata" and "Rigoletto," in none of which the part is very extensive. However, as long as she confines her efforts to what lies in her capabilities, she is deserving of praise, and her example should be followed by scores of singers, who inflict themselves on an outraged public under false pretenses

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Albani, too, came in for a full share of the glory of the week. It was only Patti's name that overshadowed her, as she is fully capable of being the prima donna of an excellent company, and would draw as such with but very moderate advertising. In fact, Mapleson gave us a series of operas with artists for the cast parts, but may heaven protect us against another such chorus.

The ballet was a new feature in the city and drew the baldheads to the front. Old sinners, like Wm. Tecumseh Sherman, Col. Corkhill and their boon companions, located as closely to the orchestra as conveniently could be

While Mapleson was at the National Theatre, Charley Ford's comic opera company were doing "Iolanthe" at Ford's Opera House, to good business.

Last week Hess was here with his remodelled company. He has a new tenor, Atherton by name, who has a very sweet, smooth voice of good compass, and who, with a little instruction, will take a very prominent place in English opera. He sings his parts with precision and good taste, but is no actor. Hess says he will come out all right. His new soprano, Miss Carrington, is a good; conscientious singer, but almost too large for the ordinary soprano parts. She is in fact top-heavy.

The one thing we have before us is Nilsson, who appears in concert on the 29th. Speaking of the fair Swede, I had a chat with Mr. Gye, of Mapleson's company, while here, in the course of which Nilsson's movements for next season came up. I remarked to him that Abey would probably make a good thing of his contract with her. Mr. Gye, laughingly, said, "I guess not. Nilsson sings for me next season. I have the contract in my trunk at the Arlington, and if you care to see it, you can take a walk over with me." Not having the time to go to the hotel, I asked him when and where it was made. He then told me that Nilsson ha

CHICAGO.

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CHICAGO, March 27th, 1883.

EDITOR KUNKEI'S MUSICAL REVIEW:—The all-absorbing topic of conversation in musical circles for the last week has been "Zenobia." And why not? It has been the only event of significance during the whole season; I even exclude Mapleson's Patti Opera, because we were so badly "left" on hearing her, that a feeling of disappointment outweighed the so-called importance of the fact. But to return to the "Queen of Palmyra." We are proud of the author and the author can well be proud of Chicago. He has scored a complete success—socially speaking; whether he has gained a reputation as the representative Grand Opera composer of America remains to be seen It is unfair, ungentlemanly, yes, positively mean and unjust, to "sit down" (beg pardon, condemn, I mean), on a work of such proportions, as Mr. Pratt has succeeded to produce. Let me impress it on the minds of the readers of your paper, that the author has written his own libretto (and it is very clever), his own score, designed his own costumes and scenery, rehearsed every particle, soloists and chorists, attended to every detail personally, and paid for everything himself, etc., etc., and then tell me, if this is not pluck, to say the least, and if he does not deserve the undivided admiration of every one, who has the knowledge of such risky undertakings. He knows his power and believes in his genius, he has an unlimited faith in "Zenobia" is styled "a lyric opera," I should call it "heroic" from the fact, that the latter preëminently excluded the former definition; it is in four acts, with a "motive" for each soloist and three leading motives, which I will hereafter more fully dwell upon, which are working through the whole opera. The plot is briefly as follows: Zenobia, Queen of Palmyra, has become very powerful and has excited the envy of Rome. She, being very ambitious, let herself be drawn into a contest, wherein she is the routed party. The opera begins at the moment when Zenobia and her army are absent and just prior to thei



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ADA C., Indianapolis.—You are the second person who has written within the past month to inquire whether the metronome indication, quarter note = 100 to Kunkel's "Germans' Triumphal March" ought not to have been eighth note = 100. No -the time indicated is the correct one and should be adhered to rigidly, if the piece is to have its intended effect. Many passages are thus rendered quite difficult, it is true, demanding a velocity of execution which is not easily attained, but they would lose much of their effect if played less rapidly. Possibly the Edition de salon, which is much less difficult, would answer your purpose better than the concert edition which you have. Examine it and see!

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and poesy—there are lovers of that ancient classic land who feel there is yet a noble future in store for her, that shall surround with a bright halo of genius her new era of unity and freedom. A la longue, people will tire of hearing the glorification of devilry, as in Liszt's Mephisto Walzer; rides to hell, as in Raff's Lenore; and songs about rats and fleas, as in Berlioz's Damnation de Faust (to our mind 'Damnation du bon sens!) and the rattling of dead men's bones, as in little M. Saint-Saëns' hideously ludicrous 'Danse Macabre.' And as to Tristan, Parsifal, and the rest of the baggage from Blatant: 'Why, this is Brummagem Berlioz!' was the homely, forcible exclamation of Sir Sterndale Bennett on first hearing 'the music of the future!' 'Ce siècle est grand et fort,' 'Un noble instinct le mène;' and the race of Palestrinas, Scarlattis, Porporpas, Stradellas, 'who hold as 'twere the mirror up to Nature, to show virtue her own feature, as reflected in high and noble art—these will be the lasting and universal favorites.

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Nature, to show virtue her own feature, as reflected in high and noble art—these will be the lasting and universal favorites.

If the high soul and massive genius of great writers like Händel, Gluck, and Mozart (and in our own time the illustrious Meyerbeer) could not attain the full growth and vigor needed to found a school without visiting repeatedly the pure fount of Italian inspiration, a brilliant school of British Musical Art will hardly be formed on ideas culled wholly or in part from the dreary vagaries of German pseudo-romanticism, a fashion, which already becoming obsolete in the land of its birth, is taken up and belauded by the servum pecus of musical Bæotians elsewhere!* And though the above remarks apply more directly to opera-writing, they may also warn the pianist who would tread the steps and share the laurels of the mighty dead, to avoid the 'trick of singularity,' to shun the bizzarre and aim at the beautiful. Let him regard the brilliant pianoforte acrobat who strives rather to dazzle and astonish than to please, refine, and elevate his hearers—let him regard such virtuosi as warnings, not examples. The usefulness to art, the fame and glory of pianists like Liszt, and his more recent emulator Rubinstein, must be more or less evanescent. Forgetting that the highest aim and function of art is to interpret, heighten, and cultivate Nature herself; to touch the human heart and elevate the mind by the contemplation—oral or visual—of pictures of calm or animated beauty, such pianists, led astray by their own brilliant powers, seek to electrify and dazzle their audience, and impose for a while their own terms on its judgment. But theirs is the fate of the shooting—the falling star. Soon they reach the ne plus ultra of their powers. 'Sturm und Drang' class of effects, the seven-league boot feats of execution, they 'make many stare' for a time. But the root of their success is in its grave, for even a Liszt cannot go on forever being more and more wonderful. By degrees, an exaggerated volcanic class o

"In strains more exalted the salt-box shall shine, And elattering, and battering, and elapping combine; With a rap and tap, while the hollow side sounds, Up and down leaps the flap and with rattle rebounds,'

—the bewildered hearer, meanwhile listening in vain for the sweet voice of noble touching melody, groans with Virgil, malo me petit lasciva puella! Artists such as these cannot even belong to, far less found, a dignified, lasting school of piano playing; but they have their reward.

*Apropos of this, a lady-amateur, recently on a visit to Wagner's most especial patrie, and feeling surprise at hearing meither played, sung, nor mentioned, asked a native dilettante why in Germany, of all places, she heard nothing of Wagner and the 'music of the future' What? Wagner's the music of the future, Madam?' cried the German, "The future of lost souls then!"



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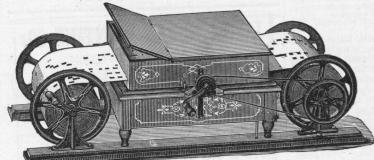
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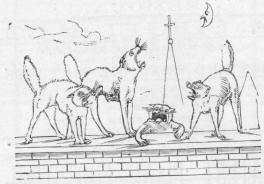
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A man who wears a ten-cent piece on his shirt front calls it his dime and pin

We hear of a grocer who calls his scales "ambush," because they lie in weight.

"THE good dye young," remarked Jones, as he enshrouded his moustache in a sable cloud.

Prof.—"Phryxus and Helle were riding on the golden fleece, when Helle fell off."
Student—"Helle did.(!)?"

"I FIND that with light meals my health improves," said the Esquimaux; and down went another candle.

"DID you ever enjoy the ecstatic bliss of courting? You didn't! Then you had better get a little gal-an-try."

MEMBER of Astronomy class—"Equinox, let me see; it's derived from equus, a horse, and nox, night; it means the night-mare."

"Is a corset a waist basket?" asks an exchange. No, for what gets into the waste basket never gets into the press. Give us a hard one!

"Music," said Dr. Johnson, "Is the least disagreeable of noises." The doctor did not know everything. He never lived next door to a conservatory.

Professor—"You do not seem to have studied this very carefully." Student, at the blackboard (hard of hearing): "Yes sir, that is just what I'm trying to prove!"

A Man should never tell his wife that he is called away on ome "pressing" business. He should always use the word urgent." It sounds better.—Rochester Post-Express.

OLIVE LOGAN says "paragraphers have no love for the beautiful." Come, come, Olive, they have; but bless you, girlie, thirty years ago is a long time, remember.—Hawkeye.

"Were you guarded in your conduct while in New York?" said a father to his son, who had just returned from a visit to that city. "Yes, sir; part of the time by two policemen."

A RECENT dictate of fashion is important to all married men. It is that small checks will be *en regle* for spring and summer silk dresses. It generally takes such large checks.

SOMEBODY writes to ask if we ever laugh at our own alleged humor. Great Casar! NO! We are not half so much of an ass as we seem to be. This column is prepared for fellows like our correspondent.

Bob. Ingersoll is letting his hair grow long, and many think he is going to come out as leading support to Buffalo Bill in border drama. He will probably be known as "Hell-Smashing Bob, the Devil-Killer."—Free Press.

Orpheus, when he played, made the rocks come up, and his power seems to have descended to a great many popular singers. You have to come up with the rocks, if you want to hear them.—Baltimore Every Saturday.

A NEWSPAPER correspondent has found a girl in Arkansas with three tongues. If she ever gets married, and she probably will, her husband will be wise if he will make it a rule to move an adjournment as soon as she opens a debate.

THE cranks, who are experimenting upon how long they can live on water, can never hope to attain the success of thousands of seafaring men. Look at Columbus and his crew; they lived for three months on water.

Most Boston women wear eye-glasses. This is said to be for the reason that it is necessary to keep a sharp eye on the Bos-ton men. It may reflect somewhat on them, but as long as it is credited to intellectual pursuits, all right.

Some genius has invented a machine to play pianos. This will fill a long-felt want. When two young people of opposite sex are in the parlor in the evening, the old lady don't begin to saunter in until the piano stops.—*Philadelphia News*.

THE much-talked-of laying-on-of-hands cure is nothing remarkable. Myriads of small boys have been cured of infirmities in that way, and rarely has the boy been found possessed of sufficient bottom to withstand the treatment.—Yonker's Gazette.

A PHILADELPHIA girl complains that she got into such a chill while out sleighing, some weeks ago, that she has been in poor health ever since. Experience teaches a dear school. Next time she will know enough not to go sleighriding with her own brother.

WHEN a woman rushes out into the yard, her eyes flashing with executive determination, and picks up a piece of board to throw at a hen, it is interesting to see how quickly all the children playing in the vicinity will run in front of her to prevent being hit.





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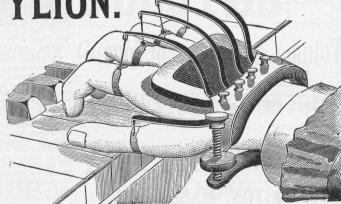
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CHARLIE Vere de Vere (sententiously)—"Geniuses, my dear Miss Marlborough, are men who just miss being fools, and fools are men who just miss being geniuses." Miss Marlborough (awestruck)—"What original things you say, Mr. Vere de Vere! I sometimes think that you are almost a genius."

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This is the way a Vassar girl tells a joke: "O, girls! I heard just the best thing to-day. It was too funny. I can't remember how it came about, but one of the girls said to Prof. Mitchell—Oh dear, I can't remember just what she said; but Prof. Mitchell's answer was just too funny for any use; I forgot just exactly what she said, but it was too good for anything."

SAID Brown, who had just returned from a visit outside between acts, "Oh darling, I had such a fright. It almost took my breath away." "Mercy!" exclaimed Mrs. B., turning her face away. "I wish it had, John." And John looked sheepish enough, as he slyly inserted a clove in his mouth.

Speaking of the luxury of a certain New Yorker, a Milesian friend states that even the silver spoons in his house are of gold. Another refers to a friend's lavishness by saying that if he were so poor as to have to sleep on straw, he would buy the highest priced in the market.

As red as the rose was my love last night,
Yea, red as a rose was she;
But to-day my love's as pale and white
As the blooms of the apple tree.
Poor thing! she is paling for me, I think;
But the wicked neighbors say
Her mother stole in, while my love was asleep,
And stole her pink saucer away.

A FEW EPITAPHS.

The musical necrology of the current year will doubtless be large, already more than one musician has passed away. It cannot be expected that the musical press will escape. Desiring to do our friends and acquaintances a good turn and to take time by the forelock (for our own days may be few) we have dashed off a few epitaphs for the tombs of some of the editors of music and music-trade papers.

ON L. C. ELSON.

Kindly stranger, shed a tear, Elson is no longer here, And whatever shore he's tossed on Sure he mourns, for 't is n't Boston!

ON WM. M. THOMS.

Death said: "Thoms, scat!

ON JOHN C. FREUND.

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"While he lived, he lived in clover; When he died, he died all over."

ON MARC A. BLUMENBERG.

"Au wei!" hier ruht, Und riecht nicht gut ein

BLUMENBERG. He will eat no more pork chops!

ON OTTO FLERSHEIM.

Gone to meet Wagner, as he Otto!

When he died
Satan cried:

"I'll have no music here, sir,
So please from hell to clear, sir,
Since music is your trade!"
—"I thought you took in Dick, sir,"
(Said Flersheim to old Nic, sir)

"And he too music made.
I would not vainly brag, nor
To you a falsehood tell,
But I wrote a la Wagner;
Then, why not treat me well?"
And then the ugly devil
To Flersheim grew quite civil,
Patted his head
And, smiling, said:
Now Flersheim boy, pray don't scold me,
For if you had only told me
You meant Wagnerian noise,
I'd have had no objection
No cause for your rejection.
Come in and see the boys!"

ON CHARLES AVERY WELLES.

"Here rests his head, upon the lap of earth A youth to fortune and to fame unknown, Fair science frowned not upon his humble birth, And C. Kurtzmann once did mark him for his own."

ON EARL MARBLE.

To Earl a blight too early came, Too soon the bier its prey did claim, His jokes, alas, no more he'll warble, 'T is dust to dust and marble to Marble!

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We take it all back about the Folio's not having credited an article to Peck's Sun. Our friend Marble has sent us a marked copy, which shows the credit in another part of the paper. We had overlooked it there. So tally one for Marble.

The Apollo, of Boston, says that 'Signor Henri Tamberlik, the once famous Italian tenor, died in Carliz, February 2d.' Signor Tamberlik says he did not die. Now, whom shall we believe?

"No, Kunkel, no! It won't do. Try again!"-Musical Critic. We've charged it up to profit and loss. Keep it—we'll say no more about it. Besides, from recent allusions in another paper, we suspect it has passed into the possession of your former associate, the "Mark-ay" de Bloomin' Humbug.

GUSTAVE DORE, the lately deceased painter, was also passionately fond of music, his favorite instrument having been the violin. He also possessed a good and well-trained tenor voice, which he frequently displayed at the interesting soirees held at his residence in the Rue Saint-Dominique in Paris, accompanied on the pianoforte by his brother, M. Ernest Doré, a composer of merit.

Every plate of music that appears in this number of the Review was engraved expressly for it. We do not, as do most of our contemporaries, rely for our music upon stereotype plates of albums or other collections of music, long since published, but furnish to our readers the best, whether old or new; and even the old is new, for nothing old appears in these pages that has not undergone the most careful editing.

Some individual who is ashamed of his name and who does not like our views of Wagner has written us an anonymous communication of a personal character in which, after criticising our course, he assures us that "any fool can criticize!" If we had ever had any doubt upon the subject the communication in question would have been an ocular demonstration of its truth. Too true: "Any fool can criticize" and we might add: Any sneak can write an anonymous letter.

Franz Liszt, having been requested to take part in the concert recently held in Paris on behalf of the inundated districts of Alsace-Lorraine, has written a letter to the Committee expressing his inability to assist on the occassion in question, and adding: "As a man of seventy-two, I am, unfortunately, an invalid as regards pianoforte playing. I could not—at least, in public—risk the reputation of my ten fingers, unpracticed as they have now been for years, without meeting with a certain fiasco. I have no doubt whatever on this point, and, having regard to my great age, am determined to abstain from playing in public altogether for the future.

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The editor is indebted to Mr. E. P. Carpenter, of Worcester, Mass., for a number of circulars, catalogues, etc., containing information concerning the Carpenter Organs. Besides many excellent features which the Carpenter Organs have in common with other first-class makes, there is one patented invention which Mr. Carpenter has kept for his own exclusive use, viz: his Aero-Dynamic Expression Indicator, which seems to work on somewhat the same principle as the gauge of a steamboiler and is made to indicate automatically the wind pressure that corresponds to the dynamic marks used in music, from ppp. to ff. This device must be quite useful, especially to inexperienced players, and certainly deserves the attention of reed-organ buyers. We have not seen it work, but the principle is philosophical and simple and its application ought to be satisfactory.

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The St. Louis Globe-Democrat of March 18th reproduced, as a piece of curious scientific news, a cock-and-bull story from the Boston Advertiser, of a factory watchman who. "during one of the numerous floods which occurred in the course of the recent protracted drouth in northern Vermont and New Hampshire." being "five feet ten in his stockings" and weighing 180 pounds—"just the length and weight to vibrate to the key of G"—went to sleep in the factory while the water rose until, as it poured over the dam, it struck the key-note of the factory, which was G (just the same as that of the young man)—its height and weight were probably thesame—itset the factory and the watchman to vibrating violently. The results were terrible. He lost all self-control, and when he opened his mouth to call help, it gave forth a prolonged G, which only increased the vibrations that eventually shook him to death. The musical critic of the Globe-Democrat must have selected this valuable scientific article.

article.

Le Figaro (Paris), furnishes some hitherto unpublished details respecting the last hours of Chopin's life, which were communicated to the writer in that journal by the late M. Clésinger, the sculptor, who was on terms of great intimacy with the composer for many years. According to this account, some days previous to his death, Chopin had been removed to the salon of his apartments in the entresol of the house, No. 12, Place Vendôme. There was but little furniture in the room beyond a Pleyel grand-pianoforte. Kwiatkowski, Guttmann, and Clésinger, had for some nights past been sitting up by turns with the dying man. It was about eight o'clock in the evening when the last moments approached. The composer was scarcely any longer able to speak. Casting his looks upon the beautiful Countess Delphine Potocka, he said faintly: "The Ave Maria, by Schubert." She understood the meaning, and sang the song referred to, Chopin holding Kwiatkowski's hand the while, pressing it from time to time, and whispering softly: "How beautiful, Mon Dieu how beautiful is this!" Shortly before midnight he died.



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From the new edition of Messrs. Geo. P. Rowell & Co's American Newspaper Directorry, which is now in press, it appears that the newspapers and periodicals of all kinds issued in the United States and Territories now reach the imposing total of 11,196. This is an increase of 585 in twelve months. Taking the States one by one, the newspaper growth in some is very considerable. The present total in New York State, for instance, is 1,399—a gain of 80 in the past year. The increase in Pennsylvania is 48, the existing number being 943. Nebraska's total grew from 175 to 201, and Illinois' from 890 to 904. A year ago Massachusetts had 420 papers; now the number is 438. In Texas the new papers outnumbered the suspensions by 8, and Ohio now has 738 papers instead of 692. The most remarkable change has occurred in the Territories, in which the daily papers have grown from 43 to 63, and the weeklies from 169 to 243—Dakota being the chief area of activity. The number of monthlies throughout the country grew from 976 to 1,034, while the dailies leaped from 996 to 1,062. The figures given above are exclusive of Canada, which possesses a total of 606.

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GERMAN SONGS AND SONG WRITERS, by L. C. Elson. Boston: John F. Perry & Co. Mr. Elson has brought to the work, which has resulted in this little pamphlet of thirty-six pages, the combined knowledge of the historian and of the musician, and the skill of a ready and elegant writer. Although we think some of its statements open to discussion, we can commend the work, as a whole, as the best thing on the subject which we have yet seen in the English language.

THE ABBEY OF FONTENELLES AND OTHER STORIES, by Count A. de Vervins. Geneva, Wis., J. E. Heg. This Hitle book, in size and appearance much like Harper's Half-Hour Series, contains, besides the novelette which gives its title to the volume two others, "The Quack" and "Josef de Ribeira." The first is a mediæval legend, told a la Walter Scott, the second an improbable but ingenious story of certain exploits of a quack who probable but of the word of the tenty which alone is worth the twenty-five cents which the little volume costs. The third is a short historical romance, having for its hero the famous Spanish painter, Ribeira, and is very well told indeed. We are informed that this is the first of a series of several volumes, to be issued by the same house. We would suggest, in reference to future volumes, that the typography might easily be improved.

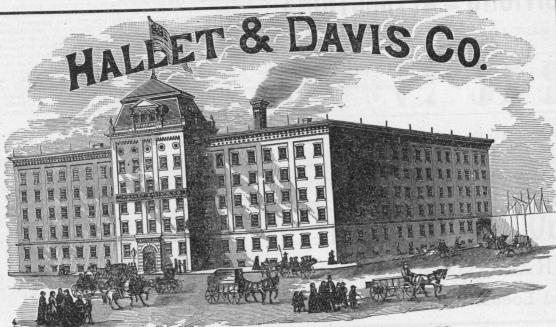
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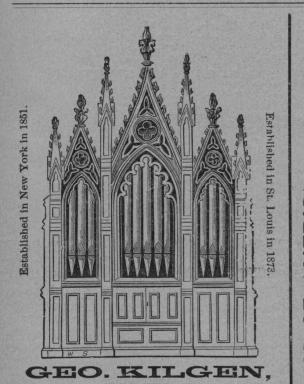
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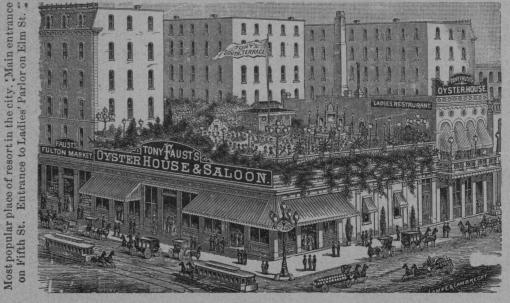
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